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Council questions festival promoter

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A special meeting of Dysart council held on Nov. 10 brought lots of questions, comments and a few fireworks from councillors directed at John Teljeur and Wolfgang Siebert regarding a proposal to transform a golf course into a site for music festivals.

More than two dozen attendees filled council chambers to hear more about Siebert's plans to transform Lakeside Golf Course, on Highway 118 in West Guilford, into a permanent site for festivals.

The pair originally came to the municipality at the Oct. 26 regular meeting of council, where Teljeur told councillors Siebert had put in a conditional offer on the golf course.

At the start of the meeting Councillor Susan Norcross, whose ward includes West Guilford, declared a pecuniary interest in the matter and left the meeting. Norcross told the *Echo* following the meeting that her pecuniary conflict was a real estate concern.

Municipal director of planning Pat Martin told councillors the proposal requires a

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We remember

The Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums leads the procession for the Remembrance Day ceremony in the village of Haliburton on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at the cenotaph on Highland Street. Hundreds attended the ceremony, which included students from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton. More on pages 15, 16 and 26./DARREN LUM Staff

Potential new tax could dampen real estate sales

JENN WATT

Editor

2015 was a strong year for the local housing market. Across Haliburton County, sales were up about 14 per cent year to date, with 25 per cent more cottage sales this year than last.

Real estate brokers are happy to see

more people choosing to reside in the Highlands, but some worry that a potential new land transfer tax could slow that growth in the coming years.

The provincial government has indicated that it would like to give all municipalities the ability to impose a land transfer tax on top of the current provincial land transfer tax, essentially doubling it.

These funds would flow to the municipi-

palities for their use.

Century 21 Granite Realty Group Ltd. broker of record Andrew Hodgson was thrilled with the housing sales this year. He takes the increases as an indication that baby boomers are picking the Highlands as their retirement destination and that new immigrants in the GTA are increasing demand and property val-

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Zoning amendment application requested

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zoning amendment, in order to accommodate campsites. "A formal proposal has not been submitted to the planning department," wrote Martin in her report to council.

According to Martin, the proposal will also require approvals from the Ministry of Transportation, since the site is located on a highway, and possibly traffic studies, which would be conducted by MTO.

"One thing we want to make clear is this is not a campground," said Teljeur.

Teljeur said the site would only be used as a temporary campground. He reiterated the location's uniqueness and value to the promoter.

"We're not interested in making massive changes," said Teljeur.

Reeve Murray Fearrey asked a number of questions, including what was going to happen to the sewage, which Siebert said would be trucked out.

"Festivals are self-contained," said Siebert.

His responses were similar when asked about garbage and the strain it could cause on area landfills.

Teljeur said a lot of it would be recycled, while Siebert suggested a lot of the campers would take away their own garbage.

Siebert said traffic would be handled by OPP officers hired by the festival organizers.

"In my experience the MTO has said just hire the OPP," he said.

Concert tickets would be pre-sold online, which would help mitigate traffic concerns, said Siebert.

The promoter said Haliburton would be a good site because the future is the Internet and these festivals would be broadcast over the Internet.

Siebert also said those who attend these types of festival spend thousands of dollars per festival.

Shows would typically be over by 11:30 p.m. or midnight and would take place on Friday and Saturday nights.

Festival dates are still up in the air and it is unknown if they will take place during long-weekends.

Siebert said at this point he is focused on establishing a classic rock festival and a country festival and that a third festival featuring a mainstream artist would be dependent on details such as artists' touring schedules.

Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts said she would like to see a maximum number of campsites included in the site plan and that the MTO will want to know traffic numbers. Roberts suggested the proposal might require turning lanes on Highway 118.

"My answer to that is we're temporary," said Siebert. "It's only going to be a concern on Friday and Sunday night." Roberts said the issue is there isn't another way around for Kennisis Lake cottagers.

"They could go on the Barry Line," said Fearrey. "There is another way around."

Part of the proposal includes using an unopened road

allowance from the Irish Line as an entrance/exit for emergency vehicles.

Roberts pointed to a wetland feature that runs through there and suggested approval from the Ministry of Environment would be needed to build a road.

"How can you guarantee that will only be used for emergency vehicles?" she asked, adding the purpose of the road should be made clear during the rezoning process.

Siebert then said that anyone living near the property would get a VIP pass to the festival or a job, which was met with laughs from attendees.

"Excuse me for a second, but I think that's quite patronizing," said Councillor Derek Knowles.

The councillor told festival organizers it sounded like they were trying to buy people off.

"We've had two weeks to digest almost nothing because the last time you were here you brought nothing to the table in terms of real information," said Knowles. "I don't know how anybody at this table could raise their hand and say hey I have enough information, let's go ahead with this."

"We're still working on the process," said Teljeur.

"The process should have started with ... a proper planning document," said Knowles.

The councillor said he wasn't for or against the proposal, but that he didn't have enough information.

"If something sounds too good to be true it probably is," said Knowles.

Siebert said he too was looking for more information, specifically whether or not council wanted his proposal.

"I'm in the same boat, I need to be convinced council wants festivals," he said. "John said this town needs tourism, it needs entertainment, it needs business."

Roberts said councillors were just looking for safe-

guards, to avoid getting phone calls from people down the road.

"It's not that I'm against the idea I'm just going at this in baby steps," she said.

Teljeur said what he and Siebert were looking for at this time was an indication if councillors were going to take steps forward.

Fearrey said he appreciated the comments from council but that nothing is going to please everybody.

"If we do nothing ... and go through the same thing as Armatec and turn it down because of the NIMBY syndrome ... that's not fair to this proposal either," said the reeve.

In referencing Armatec, Fearrey was referring to a proposal that was made for a property near Harcourt where a business named Armatec Survivability wanted to engage in military testing. The proposal was denied a rezoning request following a public process.

"We have meeting after meeting about trying to create economic development, for us not to get all the details and make sure we're making the right decision for this community is not serving the taxpayers of Dysart. Otherwise you might as well put a fence up there and say we're out of business."

Fearrey said what council needed was an application for rezoning, with approvals in place from MTO. Martin said a rezoning amendment with comments from the MTO is what is required for the project to move forward and is no different than what was required of Abbey Gardens, a tourism initiative also on Highway 118.

If a rezoning application is brought forward, the proposal will go through a process that is open to comments from the public, similarly to what was required of Armatec.



Stuck truck

A transport truck found itself in a bind Friday morning at the intersection of Highland Street and Maple Avenue in Haliburton. The truck had made the right-hand turn too close to the street light and became stuck. Traffic was temporarily redirected. JENN WATT Staff

Local CUPE workers reach deal with TLDSB

The local chapter of the Canadian Union of Public Employees reached a deal with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, announced on Nov. 10.

On Nov. 2 a deal was reached between CUPE and the provincial government, however new bargaining legislation requires a local agreement must be negotiated, according to a media release issued by TLDSB.

CUPE members include custodians, maintenance workers, educational assistants and other staff.

The local agreement is scheduled to be ratified over the coming weeks.

ETFO local members ratify agreement

Following a long negotiation period with the province, last week it was announced that members of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario ratified the cen-

tral agreement reached with the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and the government.

Local members of ETFO also voted in favour of the central agreement, through a provincewide vote, according to a news release issued by ETFO.

"Eighty-six per cent of ETFO teacher and occasional teacher members and 98 per cent of ETFO teacher and occasional teacher locals voted to ratify the central agreement," it said in the news release.

Some of the details of the agreement: ETFO, school board and education ministry representatives will develop recommendations on how to better support elementary students with special needs; a review of full-day kindergarten staffing and class sizes will be undertaken by representatives from ETFO, OPSBA and the government; a similar review will be undertaken of class sizes in Grades 4 to 8.

- Angelica Ingram

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Community collection warms its citizens

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It's amazing what inspiration and a community effort can do towards ensuring everyone is warm this winter.

Minden resident Tammy Warburton, the Winter Coat and Clothing Drive organizer, is small in stature, but a giant when it comes to her passion to help others.

The Haliburton born and raised woman has been simply amazed at the generosity and the co-operation of local businesses in Haliburton and Minden in her efforts to help those less fortunate with the second year for her drive.

Last year, when she gave winter coats to children there was an unforgettable reaction that made all her efforts worth it.

"It was like Christmas they were so excited," she said. The official pick up of items was on Saturday, Nov. 14 in Haliburton and Minden.

The collection included boots, hats, mitts, snow pants, scarves, warm sweaters, socks, shoes and winter coats for children and adults. Articles needed to be clean and in good condition.

She said the collection resulted in "at least 150 coats, 30 sweaters, 100 hats and mitts and 15 [pairs] of boots."

SIRCH helped by donating the pick up locations such as the St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden and SIRCH's new downtown hub, located at 2 Victoria St. (formerly Touch of Class Spa).

Warburton started her drive because she thought there was a need to be met.

It distributed 12 coats in Haliburton and 53 in Minden. She didn't count hats, mitts and boots.

This year there were four coats given away in Haliburton and only 14 coats in Minden. She counted 10 sweaters and three boots given in Minden while in Haliburton there were four coats and two boots given away.

The surplus will be given away in December with the Christmas Hampers in Minden and to the SIRCH thrift store in Bancroft.

Warburton appreciates everyone who donated and partnered in this effort, whether it was to promote, post flyers about the collection or make space to receive donations.

This includes both local radio stations that promoted the drive daily, Minden businesses such as Foodland, Generator Solutions and Chaulk Woodworking while in Haliburton Foodland, Todd's Independent Grocers, Haliburton Automotive, Haliburton Highlands Secondary



The Winter Coat and Clothing Drive organizer Tammy Warburton, left, holds up a child's snowsuit with the collection of donations (in the basket and hung to its right) received at the Algonquin Outfitters in Haliburton, which were part of an effort to allow people to stay warm this winter. The collection was bolstered by the store's Winter Coat Drive, which enables people who donate a winter insulated coat and purchase a new coat from the store to receive a \$50 gift card on a future purchase. It was passionately supported by the store's regional manager Chris Varga./DARREN LUM Staff

School and J. D. Hodgson Elementary School that helped out.

Algonquin Outfitters added an additional incentive through its own annual Winter Coat Drive to support local charities.

They not only received 20 coats for the cause (as of last Friday), but encouraged winter article donations to the clothing drive, offering a \$50 gift card for every winter coat purchase with a insulated coat donation. The customer also receives five per cent on the total purchase price in reward points that can be used on a future purchase.

Regional manager Chris Varga was inspired when he first learned a few weeks ago of the store's long-standing promotion and wanted to bolster the Haliburton effort.

"I was so inspired by the idea I made a personal promise to ensure its success here in Haliburton. I am genuinely proud to work for a company that cares about the

communities that it is a part of and aims to make a positive contribution," he said. "Many people in our own communities still struggle to afford warm clothing for their families. I have personally experienced financially difficulties which I have had to rely on the kindness and generosity of others. It is rewarding to be able to pay it forward."

Varga said the store's promotion is available at any Algonquin Outfitters location and will continue the rest of the month. Additional donations will go to anyone who still needs warm clothing.

Warburton said she can't say enough good things about Varga.

"He has been promoting the coat drive right along with his own promotion. He is an amazing person who wants to help the people of the county," she said.

Highlands Summer Festival announces 2016 season lineup

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There was raucous applause when the Highlands Summer Festival artistic producer Scot Denton announced this upcoming summer lineup of five performances to the packed crowd on Sunday at the McKeck's restaurant in Haliburton.

Kicking off the theatrical series of shows on July 4 is the well-known and popular musical, *Oliver*.

Denton has been with the show for 11 years and said *Oliver* is something he has wanted to produce for a while. This play by Lionel Bart is based on Charles Dickens' classic, *Oliver Twist*.

The story is centred on an ensemble cast of characters who survive the streets of London in the early 1800s.

This season will also feature Canadian writer Norm Foster's comedy *Old Love* during the last two weeks of July.

This play is a "rip-roaring farce" that is set against the backdrop of the 1920s, following the war.

"It's a wonderfully funny story about love and courtship. As two people aware of their feelings for each other

over the years, but kept apart by circumstances (typically other people). They eventually get it right. It's a unique story told in that special way that nobody does better than Norm Foster," he said.

Third in the lineup is Noël Coward's comedic play *Fallen Angels*.

"Written in 1925, an outrageous and shocking in 1925 ... it's the story of two ladies who are married - Julia and Jane as they spend an evening together both enthralled and terrified that Maurice is going to visit. Before they married their husbands, Maurice was a romance for each of them ... the husbands are away golfing. As they get in the champagne they wonder what they are going to do when Maurice comes," he said.

These three will be in-house productions and auditions for the festival are on Jan. 23 and 24.

Tom Allen, a CBC radio personality, headlines his production of the *Judgement of Paris*, which combines cabaret, history and storytelling.

Set against the rise of the First World War, the play is about a musical duel between composers of the time, Maurice Ravel and Claude Debussy.

The festival press release says the play "is new and old, heroic and tragic, historical and fictional."

The cast includes Kevin Fox, Lori Gemmell, Bryce

Kulak and Patricia O'Callaghan.

Music is by Debussy and Ravel, including original songs by the performers. There will only be three performances in July.

The award winning actor Melody A. Johnson stars in *Miss Caledonia* when it is scheduled for August.

Miss Caledonia follows the efforts of farm girl Peggy Ann Douglas in her pursuit of movie stardom in the 1950s. The first step in her quest is to win the Miss Caledonia pageant contest in rural Ontario.

This play is "a delightful exploration of optimism and reality down on the farm."

Johnson is accompanied in her staging by fiddler Alison Porter.

"It's charming and wonderful and gets standing ovations all the time," Denton said.

He adds three of the five performances this year are from Canadians: Johnson, Allen and Foster.

Season passes for all five shows are on sale for \$150. With single ticket prices being \$34, the season pass value is close to giving the purchaser one free show.

Call 705-457-9933 or toll-free 705-855-9933 for tickets or for more information on the festival see its website www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.

Tax would hurt middle class most: Scott

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ues in the city, giving those who move some extra cash to spend here.

"We have what they are looking for: we have quality, we have privacy, great lakes, we have a beautiful community and lots and lots of people are starting to understand that," he said.

Retirees in their 50s who choose the Highlands bring plenty of energy and money to the area, which enhances the community, he said.

Remax North Country Realty Inc. broker Lisa Mercer said sales have been up this year, but prices aren't overinflated.

"This year we've seen phenomenal sales, just amazing," she said.

Anthony vanLieshout, broker of record at Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton, said he has seen the upswing in sales in the last four or five months. Asked to guess why sales are up, he ventured it could be a consequence of Toronto's hot housing market.

"If we look at what's happening in the GTA marketplace with the increase in price and high level of activity, I'd like to think that ripple effect is long overdue here," he said.

Trophy Property broker of record Peter Brady said he is seeing lifestyle change move the market. Baby boomers with lakefront property are selling and moving into town, sometimes to condominiums, which frees up real estate for younger families to buy.

"Yes, I see this as a trend that will bring new money and new families into

the area as they renovate and build new homes," he said.

The prospect of an additional tax doesn't sit well with any of them.

"The potential land transfer tax being added to property purchases effectively doubles the tax already being charged," Brady said. "In a price sensitive area like Haliburton it could have a devastating impact on pricing and hence sales. Buyers will reduce their bid prices, in effect asking the sellers to pay the tax. Both prices and unit sales could languish."

According to the Ontario Real Estate Association's website made especially for this issue, DontTaxMyDream.ca, on a \$300,000 home, provincial land transfer tax is \$2,975. The municipal land transfer tax would be \$2,725.

Local MPP Laurie Scott said the PCs are opposing the possible change. Leeds-Grenville MPP Steve Clark introduced a private members motion earlier this month asking representatives to vote on whether to allow municipalities to impose the additional tax. It will be voted on at the legislature on Dec. 3.

Scott said the additional taxation would hurt those in the middle class the most, since it is harder for them to come up with thousands of extra dollars when buying a home.

"It basically becomes more unaffordable to buy homes for a certain group of people," she said. "It punishes those starting out and the middle class more so."

The ability to impose the tax was

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— Reeve Murray Fearrey

already introduced to the city of Toronto in 2008 and some believe it is only fair to allow other municipal governments the same power.

County Warden and Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he wasn't in favour of new taxes on principle, and worried that giving municipalities this power could mean that the province is more likely to download the cost of more services to the local government.

Despite rising cost pressures, Fearrey said he hopes governments can find ways not to impose more taxes.

"There comes a point in time where you have to be fair, too," he said. "I worry about somebody who's trying to put together a down payment for a house and now all of a sudden they

have to find another \$2,500 or \$3,000 and that's the downside to it. It's something we'll have to struggle with."

VanLieshout said even if the government does open up the possibility of imposing the tax, that doesn't mean local governments will.

"There's no guarantee that Dysart's going to do that or any of the municipalities are going to do that. It's just an option that's available to them," he said, adding that it is hard to predict whether additional taxes would necessarily deter home buyers.

Adopting or ignoring the new tax would need to be a countywide decision, Mercer said.

"I would be shocked if our local county did that because it would have to be on a county basis. You couldn't have Minden Hills allowing a double tax and Dysart not allowing it, because then all of a sudden we're going to be sending everyone up to Dysart to buy. It would have to be on a countywide basis and I don't believe our local politicians want to see our county stagnate and that's what's going to happen [if the tax is adopted]," she said.

Hodgson suggested a new tax could be used in the county's advantage. Assuming it is imposed by neighbouring municipalities, it would make buying in the Highlands the more affordable option.

"This will become a competitive advantage for us potentially," he said, though he'd prefer the province chooses not to go ahead with the change.

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Paramedic chief seeks up-staffing at Tory Hill

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Staff Reporter

The county's paramedic chief would like to have night staff at the Tory Hill EMS base 365 days a year.

Craig Jones made that request in a report on budget considerations reviewed by the county's EMS committee during its Nov. 11 meeting.

Each department head will submit considerations to council as it begins work on the 2016 budget.

"After 11 o'clock at night, we drop to two ambulances," Jones told councillors.

Starting at 11 p.m. each night, there is one staffed ambulance stationed in Minden, one in Haliburton.

As Jones explained, these ambulances get calls to do patient transfers to hospitals in Lindsay, Peterborough and Toronto.

Because these requests are considered emergency calls, they cannot be deferred. When one of the night ambulances is on a transfer call, that leaves one ambulance to cover the 4,000 square kilometres that comprise Haliburton County.

"As soon as that ambulance gets a call . . ." Jones said.

There are instances where there are zero ambulances available.

Jones pointed out the change would also give Algonquin Highlands additional coverage. Currently, the Tory

Hill base has an active ambulance until 7 p.m. If the Tory Hill base was staffed throughout the night, an additional ambulance would be stationed in Algonquin Highlands until 11 p.m.

Having a night staff complement at Tory Hill would require the additional of four full-time paramedics and would cost the county some \$372,000 for the year, excluding benefits.

The municipality would be responsible for the costs the first year and then receive 50 per cent funding from the province, should the plan receive approval from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

The price tag made councillors on the EMS committee uncomfortable.

"I have a hard time justifying what is basically going to be a \$400,000 increase to your budget," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielson.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts agreed.

"I think that's just too much of a hit all at once," Roberts said, adding she preferred other options Jones had put forward, such as staffing the base at night during the weekends or during the summer, from the May long weekend to Labour Day.

Those options would cost \$150,000 and \$110,000 respectively, exclusive of benefits.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey wondered about putting aside some funds for pay of emergency, standby staff.

Jones said not many of the county's paramedics live

locally and that it's difficult to ensure someone would show up.

"There's currently nobody in the province that has standby pay," Jones said, adding he didn't expect the paramedics' union would be big on the idea.

"I'd be interested in seeing the number of times we've been down to zero and specific times," said Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge.

Council members agreed they'd like more detailed information before making any decision.

"We'd like to see more numbers before we could agree to any of it," Danielson said.

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— Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielson

OPP tell motorists to slow down

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A frosty Tuesday morning last week left roads icy factoring in motor vehicle collisions in Haliburton County.

OPP Constable Dianna Dauphinee said the police responded to five collisions between 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. There were no injuries reported with any of the collisions.

In a press release, Dauphinee said the OPP "want to remind motorists that winter is fast approaching and that driving conditions can change rapidly and unexpectedly and to drive accordingly to the current weather and road conditions."

She recommends the installation of four winter tires, have an ice-scraper or snow brush in the vehicle at all times, keep the windshield washer fluid filled and an extra container in the vehicle, ensure the fuel tank is at least filled halfway to prevent condensation, and to have an emergency kit in the vehicle.

Drivers need to adjust their driving habits to the ever-

changing conditions.

Dauphinee recommends drivers to slow down, stay alert and in control. Other things the OPP suggest is to keep headlights on during the winter months, maintain extra space between you and other vehicles, monitor road and weather conditions before travel, never pass snow plows and keep a safe distance back from maintenance equipment, indicated by the blue flashing lights.

For road conditions or reports see www.ontario.ca/511 or call 1-800-268-4686.



Knights give to 4Cs

The Grand Knight of the Haliburton Knights of Columbus Phil Dulong, left, gives a \$1,000 donation on behalf of the organization to Judy MacDuff for the local food bank on Nov. 12 at St. Anthony of Padua Church. The money was raised from the church's silent auction, which ran all summer long. In total the church raised \$3,500, which went to various community initiatives. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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SAY THE WORD ARMATEC in this community and you are still met with faces of discomfort or strain, especially amongst area politicians.

The proposal that involved bringing a military testing site to a property near Harcourt happened recently enough that it is still fresh in people's minds, even if Dysart council would like you to forget it.

The proposal was met with public outcry, specifically from area residents and cottagers, and in the end bullying tactics prevailed and the company was denied a rezoning request and left the community.

The process, which I watched from start to finish, was an interesting look at how political decisions can be made based on the power of persuasion.

Looking back I'm not sure all of council believes they made the right decision. I certainly know there are many members of the community who don't.

So now here we are with another economic development proposal in front of us, this time it involves festival promoter Wolfgang Siebert and area resident John Teljeur wanting to bring music events to a site in West Guilford.

The proposal, thus far, is similar to that of Armatec, in that the proponent behind the proposal must apply for a rezoning amendment in order to move ahead with the project.

Similar concerns have already begun to surface, including traffic issues, noise, environmental strains, real estate prices being affected, etc.

Most of the concern has been raised by area residents, again reminiscent of Armatec, who are none too thrilled about the possibility of multiple music festivals moving in next door. And who can blame them?

The difference between this plan and that of Armatec however is how things started out. Armatec began as a proper planning delegation where CEO Karl Pfister and his planner Heather Sadler brought all the necessary information

to the council table.

They had the documents they needed, they had the answers to council's questions.

So far the same can't be said of Siebert or Teljeur.

The organizers say details are still being worked out and they don't have all the information needed, which is understandable, to a point.

However the pair continue to seek a blanket type of approval from council before moving forward with the paperwork required for the planning department.

"The decision for a festival like this is a political one," said Siebert during last week's special meeting of council.

Yes it is, but no proper political decision can be made without all the necessary information, which people in this community are still waiting on.

Like Armatec, this proposal is also promising economic spinoff and year round jobs, two buzz phrases that seem to make eyes in this community light up.

Want to get a grant or financial support from the community? Promise some jobs. Want to convince people your event or organization is valuable? Promise economic spinoff.

It's amazing how many times I have heard those two phrases used to try to convince this community or area politicians.

No one, especially me, will argue those things aren't needed. However I'll be the first to ask how often those promises are actually met.

In order for this festival proposal to get the support it needs, let's start getting some real information, instead of just letting a few buzz words convince us.

We can't go back and change our minds about Armatec, but that doesn't necessarily mean this proposal is the answer we've been looking for.

Two wrongs don't make a right.

-Angelica Ingram



Autumn morning

by Darren Lum

Celebrating end-of-season scruffiness

THERE IS A CERTAIN KIND of peace that falls upon the garden and the gardener at the end of the growing season. The shortened days mean no more tomatoes and zucchinis to deal with. There are no containers of summer annuals desperately needing water and any weeds still growing will have to wait for spring cleanup.

Fortunately, all of those carefully placed benches can now be tested. So with a nice hot mug of coffee, I sally forth into the garden to muse upon the end of season scruffiness.

The rustic (yes, old and cracked) bench on the terrace is my first stop. I am not a big fan of cutting things back in the fall and it is here that I appreciate the reasoning. The angle of the late afternoon sun is backlighting the native grasses. The prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*) has turned a lovely shade of fawn. I do like this grass, a clump-forming plant that smells like buttered popcorn when it blooms in August. It forms an important slope-holding edge above a rock-garden.

Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium "Prairie Blues"*) and big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*) along with switch grass (*Panicum "North Wind"*) complete this autumnal picture. This year the grasses have not been flattened by early, heavy snow so will likely remain a feature for a few more weeks.

The other reasons I have for avoiding cutting back plants in the fall relate to ecosystem services. First, the foliage left behind acts as a snow trap that will insulate the crowns of plants if we get cold temperatures before we get deep snow. This snow trapping works especially well for late plantings – you know, all those perennials that we found on the sales tables at our local nurseries this fall.

Second, seedheads left in the garden provide food for wintering birds. Many native and non-native plants attract chickadees, finches, red-polls, sparrows and the noisy bluejays. As I move along to the next part of the yard, a small flock of snow buntings

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Garden



Belinda Gallagher

Musings



Fall Crocus



Esculenta tomatoes



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points of view

France

THE HORRIFIC EVENTS OF LAST FRIDAY'S terrorist attacks in Paris are surely France's version of 9/11. And the civilized world is responding accordingly – by closing ranks with that beleaguered country, by promising support and alliances, and, ultimately, by plotting the demise of those who unleashed these cowardly dogs of war.

It is happening as we speak. And, as always, it is not pretty or preferred.

For we are a peace loving people, who once again, are faced with a group who would slaughter innocents and sin horribly in the name of ideology and religion.

Those of us who live in the West cannot comprehend the reason behind these repugnant acts, for they are acts of pure barbarity – and, in our society, the kind carried out only by those deemed criminally insane.

Yet they are all too prevalent in other parts of the world, wherever evil bigots proudly wrap themselves in ancient cloaks of false piety.

As Canadians, we have a difficult time understanding the hate it takes to kill so frequently and with such zealousness and cruelty. That speaks well of our country and the moral compass that guides it.

The same moral compass can also mislead us, however. It can fool us into hoping that this distant problem is not ours and that we should mind our own business.

Yet, as recent events on Parliament Hill have shown, it is our problem and it gets to be a larger, more daunting one each day.

So long as Islamic extremism, or extremism of any stripe, and the concept of jihad is allowed to flourish, these tragic events will continue to happen – and left unchecked, escalate.

There is no reasoning with ISIS. For these extremists believe they have somehow, through murder, the re-institution of state-sanctioned slavery,

beheading, crucifixion, rape and the attempted obliteration of cultures, histories and ethnicities, aligned themselves with God.

And they believe the rest of us to be infidels, unworthy of their version of seventh century salvation.

We can wish all we want, but this twisted belief will not go away.

We are dealing with bullies and cowards. And their strength is only bolstered by our civility, ingrained love of peace and willingness to imagine each man has good within.

Yet, as each new act of terrorism demonstrates, these men do not appear to have one shred of goodness left within.

The proof is in their lack of humanity.

I happen to believe no matter what religious doctrine you follow, the laws of humanity supersede them.

These are the laws every child inherently understands long before religious and moral beliefs take hold. They are the natural, universal truths that are the basis of almost every culture, religion and law. They are the reason a good person feels remorse when he hurts another. They live deep down within us all and allow us to instinctively know the difference between right and wrong.

Deny those, or try to excuse them in the name of religion or ideology and you are evil – plain and simple.

What's truly sad is the continuing recruitment of those who have lived among us.

It seems to me that the young men and women who leave this land and others to join the morally bankrupt Caliphate created by ISIS are the most evil, selfish and gullible of them all. Like all in the Caliphate, they would subjugate or destroy us if they could. Only this is a worse betrayal, because their close-minded bigotry prevented them from seeing the everyday good that abounds in this country while they were here.

The attacks in France and elsewhere are the physical manifestations of ugly ideas wielded by evil men. They are no different than the ugly ideas brought to life by the Nazis, Khmer Rouge or other evil regimes.

That is what we are facing.

We can turn away and deal with it later when it comes, once again, for us, or we can stand resolute with the French and deal with it now.

I say stand firm with France. And may every bomb dropped land squarely on the ugly idea.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

On the day the war ended in 1945: Evelyn McCracken, Doreen Bird Cowen and Colleen Miller Morrison. Taken beside the current office of Ray Selbie in Haliburton. Submitted by Doreen Cowen

letters to the editor

Loss greater than thought

To the Editor,

In regards to my letter to the editor "Remembrance Day Circa 1950" on 10th of November. I'd be most appreciative if you could correct my errors in this submission. The matter is all my fault as I didn't do a thorough check. In my defence, there are so few people around me who could tell me much and Becky simply couldn't talk of these things to anyone when she was alive. But one of Becky's grand-daughters gave me a phone call when she read my letter and, for once, I had a clear picture of how much Becky had lost in the wars: a father, a son and a brother.

Regarding Becky who worked as a cook in my father's restaurant: I've been in contact with some of Becky's relatives who have graciously corrected my errors.

Becky didn't lose a husband in the Second

World War, nor did she remain unmarried. Her husband died of other causes early on.

Max was her son and all I wrote about him happened as explained.

What I didn't know was that Becky not only lost Max, her son, but her brother, Elzie Henderson, when he was captured in Hong Kong and subsequently died at the hands of the Japanese in a prison camp. Relatives found out he'd died "horribly" a topic found to be very difficult to talk about. Previously, in the First World War, Becky had already lost her father (Joseph Henderson).

We can be sure that when Becky laid a wreath on the 11th of November it wasn't just for Max. She would not have forgotten

Ed Burke
Minden

Is Haliburton really open for business?

To the Editor,

My wife and I have followed the proposed repurposing of Lakeside Golf Course to a music festival park with much interest. We bought our lakefront home here nearly 20 years ago and have recently made Haliburton our permanent home.

We love the beauty of our lake and surrounding area as well as the great times we share with family and friends.

We manage our business from "The Cottage" and are ardent supporters of local businesses but we are sometimes surprised by how little the town

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Forget 70, life really begins at 80

GERALD IRISH

A Senior's Moment

I have good news for you who are approaching 80 years of age. The first 80 are the hardest. The second 80 are a succession of birthday parties that seem to occur with an increased frequency. Time seems to fly by as we progress through the years. Once you reach 80, everyone wants to help you – carry your bags or help you up the steps or across the street or open that heavy

door for you – It's wonderful!

If you forget another person's name, or an appointment, or your telephone number, or promise to be in three places at the same time, or forget how many grandchildren or even greatgrandchildren you have and their names, you need only explain that you are 80 years old. It works! Being 80 is a lot better than being 70. At 70 people are mad at you for everything. At 80, you have a perfect excuse, no matter what you do. If you act foolishly, it's your second childhood. Everybody is busy looking for symptoms of brain problems.

At 70 you are expected to rent a house in Florida, complain about your arthritis and ask everyone to speak up and to stop mumbling, because you can't understand them.

At 80, everyone is surprised that you are still alive. They treat you with respect for having survived for so long. Sometimes they even seem surprised that you can still walk and talk fairly sensibly.

So please, folks, try to make it to your 80s and even beyond. It's one of the best times of your life. People forgive you for almost anything. Life begins at 80.

Resistance is pervasive

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of Haliburton has progressed in nearly 20 years. Small businesses, including local resorts, services and retailers, have struggled or failed to survive. Employment opportunities for young people seem limited to minimum wage positions.

The challenges we face in attracting health care professionals is no secret. Resistance to progress seems pervasive throughout our community ... "cottagers" and "locals" alike. It sometimes seems as though Haliburton is resisting change of any kind.

Communities are like people. We must evolve, change and, most importantly, progress with the world around us. Standing still is not an option - we will be left behind. There will always be challenges with any growth opportunity (environmental, noise, traffic, waste management, emergency medical care) but it should be the job of our elected officials to solve these chal-

lenges, not reject them outright. Good things are starting to happen with the BIA and new ownership at Pinestone. Opportunities like the one presented to our community come along rarely. This is not heavy industry. Heavy metal bands will not be invading us every weekend. This is a cultural endeavour that could deliver desperately needed economic growth to Haliburton with a relatively small footprint. I'm not suggesting we rush blindly into this.

Due diligence is the order of the day. But in the end our elected officials must answer the question "Is Haliburton really open for business?" Rejecting this opportunity will almost certainly say "no" to business, real estate, sports, health care and cultural interests who may otherwise have chosen Haliburton for their enterprises.

Michael Peirce

This Week In...

*Stories from our archives***2005 (November 15, 2005)**

Gasoline tax rebate to pump \$2.4 million into county

Municipalities are about to get their first slice of the federal gasoline tax sharing announced in Paul Martin's last budget. And while local politicians don't want to look a gift horse in the mouth, it is clear that the federal allotment has some of them feeling half-full.

Funds are dispersed on a per capita basis and will flow incrementally to municipalities over the next five years. Haliburton County, being the upper tier municipality, will receive half the gas tax allotment for the Highlands. The four municipalities will split the remaining 50 per cent based on population.

1995 (November 14, 1995)

Spectacular slides bring audience to top of Mount Everest

Images of some of the tallest most formidable mountains in the world tower over the gymnasium at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Even the stunning photographs, which were taken from the peaks of those mountains, are enough to give the 720 people in the audience vertigo.

It is a difficult thing to live up to a mountain-sized reputation, but Sir Edmund Hillary achieved this with almost equal ease when he chronicled his adventures for the capacity crowd at last Monday's fundraising event in Minden. Instead of lording over the audience just as Mount Everest lords over the Himalayas, he described his accomplishments in very human terms. At times funny and impassioned, at times coolly detached from the things which gave him fame, he captured the spirits and the loyalty of everyone who had come to meet a man who had made history.

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Trent Severn coming to Minden

On Saturday, Nov. 21, the Haliburton County Folk Society will present Trent Severn in the acoustical splendour of the Minden United Church. This acclaimed folk trio write and perform songs that have been described as "Canadian History in Harmony."

The band formed in 2011, when multi-instrumentalist Emm Gryner contacted guitar and banjo playing Dayna Manning suggesting that they form a band with a Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young meets Stompin' Tom sound that explored Canadian archetypes and themes. Manning recruited fiddle player Laura C. Bates to round out the band. Emm Gryner has Juno nominations, her own record label and has toured with David Bowie.

Manning has had a solo career and has three albums to her credit. Bates is an in-demand fiddle player who is known for her technical musicianship and genre spanning versatility.

Together they produce songs about Canada that feature strong musicianship and superbly blended three part harmony. All of this comes through in performance as the aim of the band is to sound on stage as they do on the CDs. What could be more Canadian than songs titled "Bluenose on a Dime," "Muskoka Bound," or "Mulroney Times"?

On their just released CD Trillium the song "Haliburton High" was inspired by singing road signs on a trip to cottage country. "Stealin' Syrup" is written from the point of view of one of the thieves involved in the famous maple syrup heist of 2012. "From Canada" is about and co written with Bill Lishman/Father Goose about teaching a flock of geese to fly south.

These songs and more will be heard at Trent Severn's upcoming concert. Clad in their plaid shirts, they will lead the audience through a musical landscape that is a love letter to Canada inspired by the landscape, the culture and the folklore. Emm and Dayna will be interviewed on Kris Kadwell's show on Canoe FM on Nov. 19.

This week, the band announced that fiddler/vocalist Lindsay Schindler will take Laura's place in the band. She has been a member of Celtic fusion band Rant Maggie Rant and has subbed previously for Laura with the band.

Tickets for Trent Severn are available at the Source in Haliburton, the Organic Times in Minden and online at haliburtonfolk.com.

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Acclaimed folk trio Trent Severn will play at the Minden United Church Nov. 21. Photo submitted.

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Cadets make the citizen

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

If you're a local youth, and want to make friends and be the best you can be by developing outdoor and life skills then the 1129 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp in Haliburton is just the ticket to a life journey of discovery and growth.

Contrary to public perception, the cadets have more to do with producing citizens than it does soldiers, says former commanding officer Cameron McKenzie.

The 65-year-old Cardiff resident and chairman of the cadets support committee, who was with the Haliburton cadets for 18 years, said cadets learn how to be leaders through instructing and receive training on outdoor survival skills such as orienteering.

"Those things are all self-confidence builders," he said.

This is important for life and provides opportunities.

"It opens a career opportunity for some teenagers. By the time they get done high school it's a big decision in your life. What are you going to do?" he said.

The cadets three core teachings are citizenship and being good community members; physical fitness and stimulating an interest in Canadian Forces.

Current commanding officer and a former Haliburton cadet for seven years, Karin Aschenbrenner said in cadets the youth participate in regular exercise and are encouraged to be community minded through volunteer efforts in the area.

Being a cadet, community service hours are required to advance within the program, McKenzie said.

"Just being a cadet doesn't qualify for high school community service hours, but a lot of what they do does count," he said.

He said this includes selling poppies before Remembrance Day, helping at Legion functions and instructing



The 1129 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp members stand for the Remembrance Day ceremony in the village of Haliburton on Wednesday, Nov. 11 on Highland Street. This is one of the public events the cadets participate in and volunteer for in the area, which is part of developing great citizens of the community. /DARREN LUM Staff

cadets.

Most cadets will receive their required 40 community service hours to graduate high school within a year, he said.

Also, cadets learn about the importance of the military and its role to our country, said Aschenbrenner.

"We're Canadian citizens and our forces are always there to provide for us and to help us out. These people fought for us and our freedom so we have to show our honour to them as well and just have the knowledge of what these people are doing," she said.

The cadets is open to boys and girls from 12 to 18. When a cadet turns 19 they must leave the program.

The cadets meet once a week, every Tuesday at 6:30 until 9 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. The schedule adheres to the school year schedule.

The cadets measures progress through star levels, starting with green, which includes skill training such as putting up a tent, starting a fire, and shooting air rifles. The skills are added to one another like Lego building blocks.

As the cadets progress, their capability in a variety of areas grows.

She cannot imagine her life without the corps.

Aschenbrenner joined the cadets at 12 because of her older brother, who was in the cadets.

"Once I got into it you just built those lasting friendships. There was such a big group of us at the time we were all friends in school. It was another social aspect for us to get out and go and do these cool things, whether it be normal training night or going to one of the military bases for summer camp, or just things we learnt, hanging out and meeting people," she said.

She completed all seven years with the cadets and finished as the regimental sergeant major.

Since 2013, she has served as the Haliburton cadets commanding officer and sees another side of it.

Aschenbrenner takes great satisfaction in leading the cadets and, most particularly, when they fully understand and enjoy something in the program.

"I really enjoy seeing that light come on with the cadets and them going, 'Oh, this is really cool,'" she said.

The progress she has seen is amazing in the cadets.

"The cadets who are new to the program are given some information on what they do and what we are about. They tend to be very timid when they first join but as the friend base grows and their knowledge grows they begin to step out of the box. They are more confident and outgoing. Taking on tasks they normally wouldn't have done," she said, referring to teaching and public speak-

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Valuable experience through cadets

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ing. Cadets learn to accept responsibility for their action, which is an important life skill.

"Being responsible for your own actions in the long run ends up helping them out in the future even after they leave the program. I find a lot of the cadets end up being very successful in life because they've learned those core values. They can bring that to their employer. They can bring that to their family. They can bring that to their friends. It's just rounds people out," she said.

She adds cadets don't face harsh penalties like in the army such as push ups.

Although service with the cadets was mandatory for McKenzie when he was growing up, he chose to join the Haliburton location because of his son, Peter who served with the local group for six years. His son has now served with the Canadian army for close to nine years.

McKenzie points out being part of cadets is free to parents, but ultimately it is paid for by either the area Legion, Department of National Defence or the sponsoring committee.

It's a worthwhile investment for the young participants to the communities they live in, he said.

Cadets have a variety of experiences and gain skills through training, whether during the year or in the summer. Cadets are eligible for summer camp training at a Canadian Forces Base like the one in Borden, which provides a unique experience for cadets where hands-on training is done more intensely. Once cadets have completed their first year they are eligible.

McKenzie said Haliburton's best success story regarding former cadets is Keith Burley, who earned a spot with the

Canadian Forces parachute course as a cadet, the only in Haliburton's history.

Also, he was the senior cadet at Canadian Forces Base Borden for Cadet Training Centre Blackdown where he led close to 1,200 cadets on parade.

"That's the best example of going from a 12-year-old to very, very mature 18-year-old and very successful," he said.

Burley, a third-year Carleton University student, spent the full seven years in the Haliburton cadet program and finished as a sergeant-major.

He said cadets was instrumental towards shaping who he is now.

"Many of the values I learned are instilled into my daily regime. These include time management, professionalism, organizational skills, patience, leadership, public speaking, team work and cooperation, respect, goal setting, and the list goes on and on. They have helped me land amazing job opportunities, positions on campus, talk to and understand people from all walks of life, make connections, and most importantly make life long friendships with people I still keep in touch with today," he wrote in an email. "For me, the cadet program was more than just wearing a uniform, marching around a parade square, and shooting air rifles. It was an experience that I will hold near and dear to me for a life time. I highly recommend to any individual looking to better themselves, which I believe everyone should be doing to join the cadet program and put all of the effort you can into it because you will exponentially receive life skills back."

Anyone interested, Aschenbrenner said, can just stop by the Legion in Haliburton on Tuesday between 6:30 and 9 p.m.

"The doors are always open for people to come and check it out," she said.

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Searching for high-speed Internet

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County is still trying to get reliable, high-speed Internet to residents who do not have it.

County treasurer Laura Janke presented a report on Internet at municipal offices during a Nov. 11 meeting of the county's finance and correspondence committee.

There are 41 hubs at public buildings throughout the county and as Janke explained to councillors, Rogers, the current carrier, has made it clear it intends to do away with some its infrastructure in the area.

"They're starting to decommission some of the services," Janke said. "They are costing too much."

For the past 18 months, Janke and county IT manager Mike March have been taking part in discussions with a group of other municipal representatives through the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, trying to get better servicing and pricing for municipalities throughout Eastern Ontario.

"We're looking at trying to get a long-term agreement with a provider," said Janke, adding a longer agreement would mean saving money over time.

This may also be an opportunity for the county to try to get high-speed Internet to residents who do not yet have it.

"This is also a good time to have some discussions regarding any future capital builds and what kind of resources the county should be contributing to help more residents get access to high-speed

Internet," Janke's report read.

In fall of 2014, the multi-year, \$170-million EORN project was completed, which aimed to bring high-speed Internet to 95 per cent of homes and businesses in Eastern Ontario. This was to be provided mostly through fibre-optic cable and EORN also negotiated special rates for satellite Internet for residents in area where cable couldn't reach.

Haliburton County contributed \$500,000 to that project.

However, numerous residents in the county are still not able to get reliable high-speed Internet.

Janke said there are some \$232,000 in reserves that could be used.

Councillors emphasized the great need for high-speed Internet in the community, with Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin saying it was infrastructure just as, if not more, important than highways 35 and 118.

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They're starting to decommission some of the services. They are costing too much.

— Laura Janke, county treasurer



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Solomans seal

Drooping leaves often freeze into delicate sculptures

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erupt from the aster, coneflower and gayfeather stems. It is worth noting that the foliage of grasses and perennials also harbors over-wintering insects, just like the shrubs and trees in the garden and these insects are a much-needed protein source for the birds during the cold days ahead.

Some of the detritus left in the garden will break down over the course of winter creating food for next year's growth. Yet another reason to leave cleanup for my spring to do list.

Over by the patio I spy the faded and folded leaves of hosta plants. Some, I must admit, have turned to mush and I remove these to the compost bin just after they freeze. But those that are

standing and looking like individual little ribbed sculptures are left in place. They dance in the wind and late day sun shines though them like cathedral windows.

Close to the hostas are the soft, yellow arches of Solomon's seal (*Polygonatum sp.*), a fine shade-loving native plant. It, too, has been spared the flattening of snow and looks divine against the clump of white birches. This is my all-time favourite plant and to see it still standing proud in November makes me smile.

Against the house there blooms the last flower of the season, the fall crocus or *Colchicum "Waterlily."* It always surprises me, this bulbous plant, appearing

so late and with such a show-stopping colour. It is the third act ballerina in the scruffiness of the end of the season in this garden. I celebrate it all.



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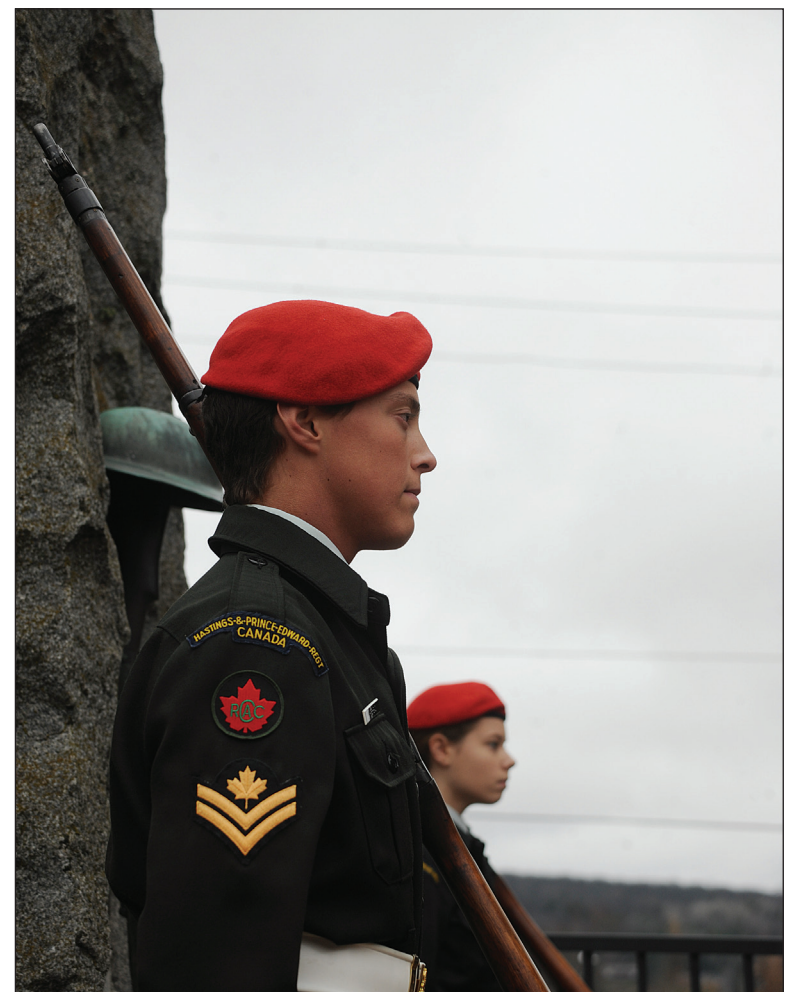
Haliburton Remembers



Curtis Playne, left, and Sean Chapman, who both served with The Royal Canadian Dragoons in Afghanistan, march in the procession at the end of the Remembrance Day ceremony in the village of Haliburton on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at the cenotaph on Highland Street. Hundreds attended the ceremony, which included students from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff



Second World War veteran Olive Smith, who served in the British Army's artillery, looks on during the Remembrance Day ceremony in the village of Haliburton.



The 1129 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp's Chaz Whitehead stands at attention in front of the cenotaph.



Middle left, Silver Cross mother and Second World War veteran Olive Smith, who served in the British Army's artillery salutes, standing with Royal Canadian Legion of Haliburton's sergeant at arms Callum Wood while the other Silver Cross mother Rosemary Blight, who has a son in the Canadian Armed Forces, lays a wreath at the cenotaph for the Remembrance Day ceremony.

The Royal Canadian Legion of Haliburton's colour party proceeds to the street, nearing the conclusion of this year's Remembrance Day ceremony in the village of Haliburton on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at the cenotaph located on Highland Street. Hundreds attended the ceremony, which included students from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff



Students bring war to life

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students perform the play *Archie Dobson's War*, which depicts life leading up to the First World War, during the high school's annual Remembrance Day event on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. The event was staged by Ryan Merritt's Grade 9/10 drama class, the HHSS choir and stop-motion short videos were produced by Kathryn Darling's media arts class. /DARREN LUM Staff



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher Paul Longo speaks during the high school's annual Remembrance Day event,



A Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student plays a newspaper boy, announcing the news of the events leading up to the First World War.



Gooderham honours the fallen

Members of the Kinmount Legion branch's colour party stand at attention at the cenotaph in Gooderham on Remembrance Day. JENN WATT Staff



The Kinmount Legion branch's colour party marches to the Gooderham cenotaph on Nov. 11, 2015. From back to front, Joan Simmons, Mary Lou Ferguson and Rick Linton.



Valda Hunter lays a wreath at the cenotaph in Gooderham on Nov. 11.



Sergeant at arms Rick Linton escorts Cecil Ryall with his wreath to the Gooderham cenotaph on Nov. 11. The wreath was in memory of Ryall's uncle Maurice Ryall a casualty of the Second World War, who was part of the Italian campaign.

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- Supported 88 people in their journey through grief (34 through ongoing groups)
- Provided over 70 moms and children with weekly food, education and supports
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- Served up 328 free 3-course meals made by Cook It Up trainees
- Saw all 7 Cook It Up trainees offered jobs following the food services training program
- Made 260 containers (538 servings) of apple sauce to be distributed with Meals on Wheels
- Mentored 20 people in how to grow food through Garden Buddies
- Provided 9 seniors with home safety assessments
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SIRCH Community Kitchen makes over 300 meals per month. With an increased need for food assistance in the Haliburton winters, this program becomes vital to providing healthy meals for anyone that needs food. The ability and capacity of this program depends completely on donations and community support. Your gift will help fill nearly 4,000 tummies with healthy food.

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The Apple Sauce for Seniors project is organized in partnership with Haliburton's Food Net and Meals on Wheels program. This one day project produced over 500 servings of apple sauce this year. Did you know that only 1% of seniors in our community are able to access the required servings of fruit and vegetables they need to be healthy each day? SIRCH is very instrumental in helping market, pick, process, package and distribute this apple sauce made completely from local apples. Your support can help give the gift of healthy foods.



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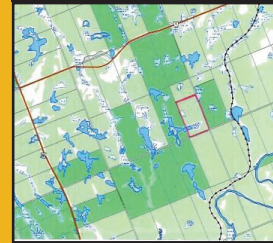
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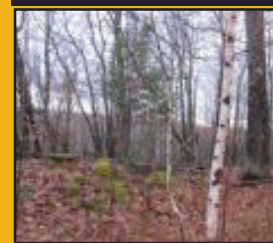
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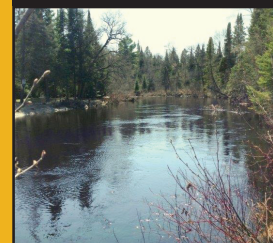
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Large crowd attends Wilberforce ceremony

The Colour Party lines the pathway to the cenotaph in Wilberforce at the start of the Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11.




Gertrude Godfrey, centre, is assisted by Sean Cook, left, and Len Crawford as she lays a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of the Silver Cross Mother at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Wilberforce on Nov. 11. Hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624, the service included the Last Post, performed by Mark Bramham, *Abide with Me* and the *Royal Anthem*.



Parry Hiuser, front left, gets a little help from a canine friend after laying a wreath in honour of the Canadian Forces at the cenotaph during the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Wilberforce on Nov. 11. Wreaths were laid in honour of government, Canadian Forces, the Lions Club, Wilberforce Elementary School and many more. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff




Sgt. at Arms Len Crawford, left, and Sean Cook give a salute at the cenotaph after laying a memorial wreath on Nov. 11. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



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Notification of Winter By-laws

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The Municipality of Dysart et al’s winter parking regulations prohibit the parking of vehicles on any municipal road from November 1st until April 15th between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 am. Vehicles found in contravention of this regulation will be subject to a \$50.00 fine and/or may be towed at the owner’s expense.

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The Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990, C. H.8, S. 181 states: “No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or road authority responsible for maintenance of the road”. The penalty on conviction is a fine of \$105.00.

Acting Staff Sgt. Brian Crisp
Haliburton Highlands O.P.P.



A large crowd gathered to take in the Remembrance Day ceremony. Students from Wilberforce Elementary School attended, as well as many seniors and young families.

Santa Claus parade to bring colours of Christmas

Ugly Sweater Run/walk becoming new community tradition

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Marilyn and Jim Frost attended their first Haliburton Santa Claus parade in 1997.

There was snow on the ground and a sense of community in the air.

At the time the Frosts, who are now a pair of familiar faces in town, weren't even living in Haliburton yet, but wanted to get a sense of the place they would soon call home.

Owners of Down Home B&B and avid Lions Club members, the Frosts purchased their home on Halloween day in 1997 and decided to drive up for the parade after they saw an ad in the *Haliburton County Echo*.

"We have a friend Larry Hussey, who was up here, and I asked him to get me a copy of the *Echo*," said Jim. "We found out when the Santa Claus parade was going to be and we came up here."

Their decision to move to Haliburton came after attending a Santa Claus parade in Burlington, which at the time was a much smaller town than it is now.

"They had a small town parade, a lovely parade," said Marilyn. "And that's when we got the idea [to move]. Before that we had always gone to the Toronto parade, which was huge. But when we went to the Burlington parade it seemed so small and community like."

The couple moved to Haliburton in 1998 and have been involved with the parade since 1999.

An annual tradition now for many decades, the Haliburton Santa Claus parade hasn't always happened on a Friday night, as it now does.

The parade originated as a Sunday afternoon event, starting out from in front of Lakeside Baptist Church.

The decision to switch it to a nighttime parade came more than 10 years ago and Jim was originally opposed to the idea.

"The BIA actually came to a Lions Club meeting and said what do you guys think about the idea of switching it to a night parade?" said Jim. "Personally I was not for it, because it was such a community event ... and I could see it would be a financial burden because they would have to get generators and lights on their float and I thought it might be a bit of an impediment. Was I ever wrong?"

The switch proved to be successful and the parade has only grown since then.

"It just took off, it was phenomenal," said Jim.

"The streets are full," said Marilyn.

The parade is now a full night affair, with a tree lighting held prior to the start and the annual Winter Warm-up held

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Because it's such a short area everyone is together and that's a benefit.

— Jim Frost

after at the Haliburton Legion.

The Winter Warm-Up features live music, a spaghetti dinner and a free gift for all children.

"The word warm-up is appropriate; it is warming," said Jim.

An initiative of the Haliburton and District Lions Club and Haliburton Business Improvement Area, the parade is held on the evening of the Friday that follows the Toronto Santa Claus parade. Their parade is always held the Sunday following Remembrance Day, said Jim.

This year the Haliburton parade will take place Friday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

The theme is The Colours of Christmas in the Highlands, something that was thought of by the theme committee, which has two members, jokes Jim.

"I'm the chair and Marilyn's the vice-chair."

The pair are hoping the artistic community gets behind the idea and shows off their skills.

Themes get reused and effort is made to coincide with the Minden Santa Claus parade, which always takes place on the following day.

That sense of community the Frosts saw in 1997 still exists to this day, with dozens of floats, bands, businesses and organizations taking part in the parade every year.

Starting out at Pine Street, the parade route goes down Highland Street and turns at York Street, ending in front of the Rails End Gallery.

"Because it's such a short area everyone is together and that's a benefit," said Jim. "You hear children laughing ... and I think that's nice."

One of the highlights for everyone is of course, the arrival of Santa Claus, on his float complete with reindeer and a real sleigh.

For the Frosts the float is a symbol of teamwork and the true nature of this community.

"The Santa float belongs to the Lions club," said Marilyn. "It's a massive endeavour, it was built years ago."

"There were four people involved in making that float. We're very proud of that float," said Jim. "We actually get calls



Jolly Old Saint Nick was waving to the crowds at the annual Santa Claus Parade last year. See him Friday, Nov. 20 in Haliburton.

from other communities asking to borrow that float, because it's so unique."

The club does not lend it out, because it doesn't travel well, and the work that would be involved in replacing it. It took months to build.

On the night of the parade the road is closed with the help of Fowler Construction, which is "such a bonus," and parking is not permitted on Highland Street, something that started with a letter written by a local teenager.

"We didn't used to control parking," said Jim. "The letter writer highlighted that controlling parking would be safer for families and kids."

Jim contacted the teenager and asked for her help the following year to control parking, with signs posted on the parking metres.

"Now it's a given," he said. "I'm glad she did that."

This year the Lions Club will be collecting items for the local food bank and monetary donations, which will be matched by both the Lions and the Haliburton Rotary Club.

Letters to Santa Claus will also be collected.

Ugly Sweater Run this Sunday

Also coming up this weekend is the annual Ugly Sweater Run/Walk, an initiative of the Dysart recreation department.

Now in its third year, the event is tak-

ing place on Sunday, Nov. 22, beginning and ending at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Registration is at 11 a.m. and the run/walk starts at noon. There is a five kilometre route or 1.5 km route through Glebe Park people can do.

This year the event is a fundraiser for the Junction Skate Park, which is raising money for a facelift. Dysart recreation coordinator Andrea Mueller is asking participants to bring \$10 per adult for the cause. The plan is to pick a new community initiative every year to fundraise for, said the co-ordinator.

Last year about 50 people came out to join in on the fun, all decked out in something tacky.

"We're looking for a similar turnout again," said Mueller. "I even noticed that one of the local stores is selling ugly sweaters."

If you don't own an ugly sweater, Mueller encourages you to make one, saying something nice can be made to look tacky quite easily.

"We like the ones where people are creative on their own," she said. "Even just putting a piece of garland on ... it's a cost effective way to have one."

Following the run/walk there will be refreshments offered in the museum and live Christmas music courtesy of Bill Gliddon.

"He came last year and it was so nice to have the live music," she said.

Family health team will need to replace docs

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team will likely need to replace five doctors during the next two or so years.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, who sits on Haliburton County medical professionals recruitment and retention committee, delivered that news to councillors on the county's finance and

correspondence committee during a Nov. 11 meeting.

Moving forward, the committee may try some different tactics than it has in the past.

"Going to a lot of the conferences we did ... didn't appear to be as successful as we'd hoped," she said.

In the past, it has offered financial incentives for doctors to come to the community, to the tune of \$150,000 for a commitment of six years.

Danielsen said the committee may consider these types of incentives again, and

may explore smaller amounts for smaller periods of time, for example, \$100,000 for a commitment of four years.

Some doctors now prefer to practise part-time, something Danielsen said the community may also need to consider.

"Doctors are now looking at having a bit better quality of life," she told her colleagues.

Danielsen also said she thinks there need to be more physicians located in Minden.

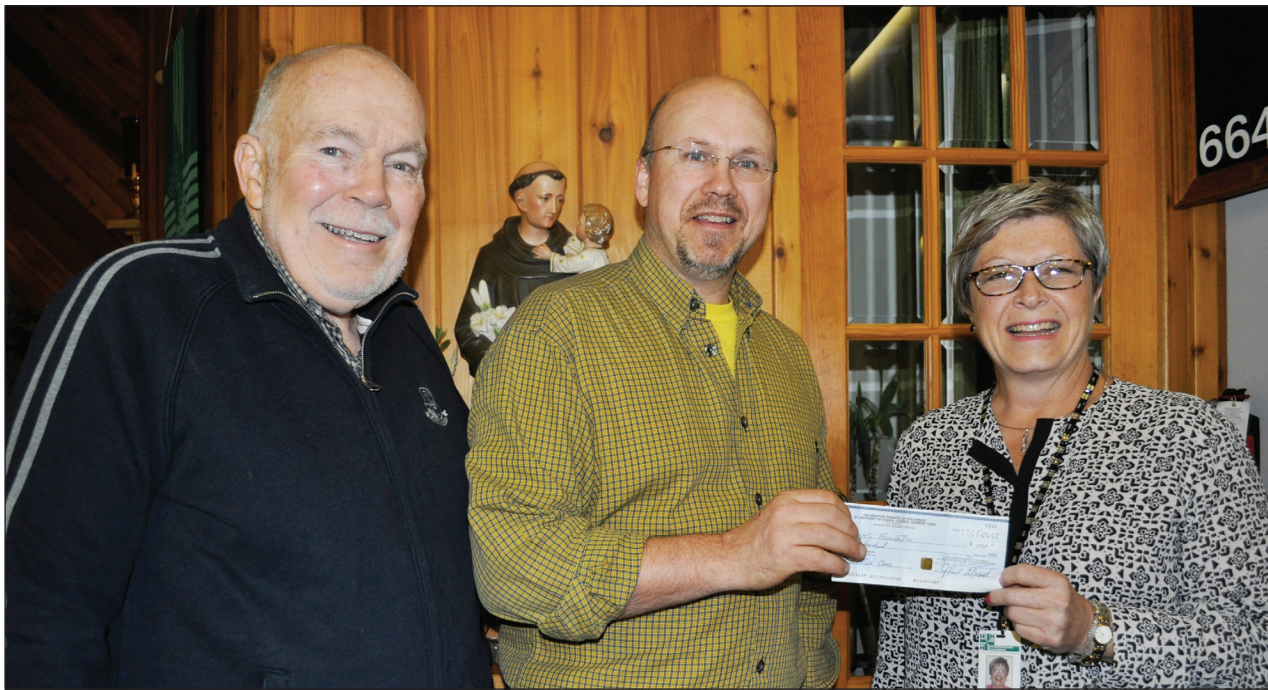
"I think we need to bring Minden into the picture," she said.

Dr. Nell Thomas continues to be the sole physician working out of the Minden clinic while a dozen doctors work out of the clinic in Haliburton.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin said the lack of family physicians in Minden puts added strain on the hospital.

"For most of us, emerg is our GP and that can't continue," Devolin said. "Emerg in Minden is not just emerg. It functions as GP for the majority of us."

Devolin said he's supportive of financial incentives for physicians.



HHHSF receives funds from Knights

The Grand Knight of the Haliburton Knights of Columbus Phil Dulong, centre, gives a \$500 donation on behalf of the organization to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation executive director Dale Walker, right, and HHHSF board chairman Peter Oyler on Nov. 12 at St. Anthony of Padua Church. The money was raised from the church's silent auction, which ran all summer long. In total the church raised \$3,500, which went to various community initiatives. HHHSF is going to put the funds towards the Making Moments Matter palliative care campaign. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Changes for Hike Haliburton Festival

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The county will make some tweaks to its signature event, the Hike Haliburton Festival, next year.

Tourism director Amanda Virtanen presented members of the county's tourism committee with a report on the event during their Nov. 11 meeting.

"My recommendation is that we really focus on hikes, which seems silly, because it's Hike Haliburton," Virtanen said.

While traditionally the county has hosted both an opening and closing festivity for the festival, Virtanen recommended scrapping the launch event, typically held the Thursday night of the weekend of the festival at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

That event, which has a history of low attendance, typically includes food and live music. This year it also included hiking tales.

Instead, Virtanen recommended the county focus on the wrap-up event. This year was the inaugural year for the Biggest Picnic Ever, held in Head Lake Park, which featured music, food and drew a crowd of some 250 people.

The director is hoping to double that crowd that next year.

"That sort of becomes the signature event of the festival," she said.

Other non-hike events throughout the festival are run by partner groups, such as the Haliburton County Folk Society.

As for the hikes themselves, Virtanen recommended limiting group sizes for hikes to 20, as she's had feedback that on hikes with too many people, it becomes difficult for participants to see and hear the leader well.

A maximum group size of 20 would mean growing the number of hikes to 75, to maintain the festival's 1,500 hikes spaces.

In 2015, there were 68 hikes.

Virtanen also plans to make the additional hikes more challenging ones, as it's the challenging hikes that seem to draw more people from outside the community.

For 2016, she also plans to have the Hike Haliburton map and program finalized by the end of May, so they can be distributed throughout the summer. Barrie Martin of Yours Outdoors will once again be contracted to manage the festival, with a program management fee of \$14,000.

The county is also seeking corporate sponsors for the event.

DVD of the Month

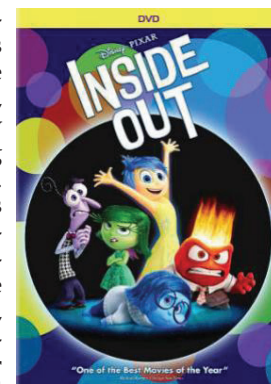
Inside Out

In the headquarters of 11-year-old Riley's mind, five emotions are hard at work, led by the lighthearted Joy. Alongside Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness, Joy aims to keep the hockey-loving Midwestern girl Riley happy. However, when Riley's parents uproot and move to San Francisco, Sadness comes to the forefront. In Joy's efforts to isolate Sadness and limit her influence, Riley's emotions become unbalanced and threaten to isolate her from friends and family. Will Riley ever get used to her new home and become happy again?

Inside Out stars Amy Poehler as Joy and Phyllis Smith as Sadness, and has been hailed by parents and critics alike. It is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

Get to know your mobile device! Sit in on a basic overview of mobile devices, including apps, the "Big 3" brands, and the pros and cons of owning/using a mobile device in this free two-part online live course offered by Good Learning Anywhere through Contact North. Dec. 1 and 3 from 1:30 to 3:30 in the Dysart branch. Call Sarah Adams at Contact North to preregister 1-855-867-9528.



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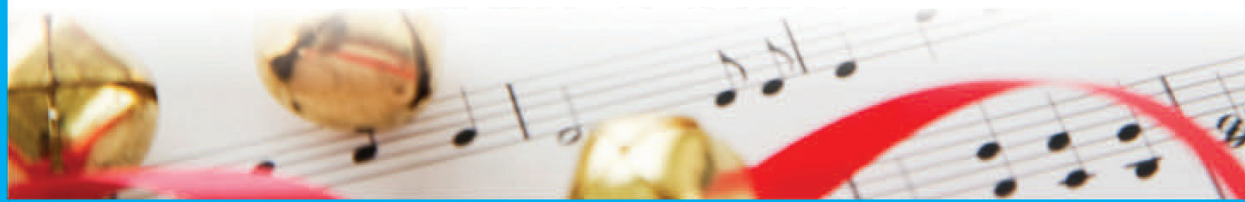
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Water Ambassadors to send team of 12 to Nicaragua

Team hosting spaghetti dinner fundraiser this Saturday at Haliburton United Church

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Next February a team of seven high school students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and five adults will be heading to Nicaragua for seven days.

The group of 12 will not be relaxing on a beach or soaking in the sunshine.

They will be rolling up their sleeves, working long days and doing their part to bring clean drinking water to those in need.

Organized through Water Ambassadors Canada, the initiative has been in the works for a couple of years, said Beth Archibald, one of the adults going on the trip.

Beth's daughter Victoria, a high school student, has been wanting to partake in a humanitarian effort and a partnership between the not-for-profit organization came about through Lakeside Baptist Church and Haliburton United Church.

A team co-ordinator and leader with Water Ambassadors, Brenda McKee has been on many trips and had no difficulty putting together a team.

"It just all came together," she said. "We've never had a team of seven high school students go. This is huge."

McKee will be leading this team and has a good idea of what the high school students can expect, which won't be a walk in the park.

The group is heading to Matagalpa, Nicaragua from Feb. 13 to 20. While they are there they will be providing clean water to those without. The youth will be repairing wells, resulting in safe drinking water, as well as working in local schools, a hospital and with the community.

"We're going to ... a school with special needs students," said Victoria. "We're going to be playing with the kids."

The area where the group will be heading to has a number of wells, however they do not provide drinkable water, said McKee.

"They're contaminated," she said. "We're not going to drill a well we're going to do repairs and well conversions."

They will also be fulfilling a number of needs in the community, such as painting at schools, bringing medical kits to the hospital and bringing clothing such as bras to nursing women.

"That [bras] is not something they have down there," said McKee.

The group is also collecting beanie babies to hand out to children.

While the trip will be a new experience for most of the team members, that doesn't diminish their excitement.

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If you're not stretched out of your comfort zone, you might as well go on a vacation.

— Brenda McKee, team leader

"People are suffering from not having clean water and are dying and we take it for granted," said Beth. "I want to do something about that."

"I want to go because I like helping people and I've wanted to go on a missions trip for a long time," said Victoria.

The team will be staying at a house which is "not fancy," said McKee, but that's part of the point.

"If you're not stretched out of your comfort zone you might as well go on vacation," she said. "They're up and at it at 7 a.m. and gone all day ... there are going to be some tired puppies here."

Water Ambassadors partners with different local organizations, which provides interpreters, transportation, etc.

The motivation behind the trip is to help people, however the team co-ordinator says in her experience it's those who go who are most affected that experience real change.

"The youth going has created a spark in the community," said Jennifer Casey.

Casey said those she knows who have gone come back with a totally different outlook in life.

"So we hope to help but we end up getting helped," said Beth.

"Usually that's what we find, the heart that's changed isn't theirs," said McKee.

The group has been raising awareness about their initiative throughout the community and at HHSS.

The group needs to raise a substantial amount of funds prior to their departure, \$36,000 to be exact. In order to raise the money they are hosting a number of fundraisers, including a spaghetti dinner this Saturday at the Haliburton United Church.

Dubbed Noodles for Nicaragua, the dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and includes a full meal. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and children and those under five are free.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting McKee at 705-754-5384 or Beth at 705-457-9498.

Take-out meals can also be arranged.



A team of seven high school students and five adults from Haliburton are heading to Nicaragua next February with Water Ambassadors to bring clean water to those without. The team members will be repairing wells to provide safe drinking water. For many this is the first time they are heading to another country to do humanitarian work. Front row from left, Isaac Graham, Regan Casey, Victoria Archibald. Second row from left, Brenden McKee, Cole Finlay, Jennifer Casey. Third row from left, Beth Archibald, Brenda McKee, Craig Bowker. Missing from the photo are Paul Graham, Kiana Laverne and Kyle Laverne. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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Haliburton County Historical Society

When: Wednesday Nov. 18/15, 1:30 PM
Where: Laking House (Haliburton Echo)
Presentation of a plaque for Laking House Circa 1917

Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group Meeting

When: Wednesday, November 18, doors open at 6pm, meeting at 7pm
Where: Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden.
What: "Bring an Ancestor" where guests and members bring a story or artifact and make a 5-10 minute presentation to the group. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. Coffee and cookies are available. For more information, contact Gail at 705-286-2225.

The CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (CFUW) are having a speaker this month.

Title: Winged Wonders: The Fascinating World of Bird Photography
When: November 19th, 7-8 pm
Where: Fleming College
Who: Dan Busby
Dan is a "life-long birder" and professional biologist, having received a B.Sc. (H) and M.Sc. in ornithology from the University of Manitoba. Dan is currently a member of Bird Studies Canada and is on the Board of Trustees for the Baillie Fund. He is a full time resident of Haliburton and supports the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust as well as sits on the Lands Committee. There is no charge for attending the talk but certainly donations to our scholarship fund would be welcome.

Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists

When: Thursday November 19, 2015, 1:00 pm
Where: Haliburton Museum
Wolves of Algonquin Park, presented by Rick Stronks, Chief Park Naturalist
Public welcome \$5.00, Members free
Refreshments available

Minden United Church, Christmas Luncheon

When: Friday Nov. 20th 11:30 am
Where: 21 Newcastle St. Lower Level
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Where: Minden Community Centre (55 Parkside St.).
Protect yourself from influenza by getting your free flu shot (Reminder to bring your Ontario Health Card). For more details, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 or visit www.hkpr.on.ca.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church Annual Christmas Bazaar

When: Saturday November 21, 10 am - 2 pm
Where: Victoria Street, Haliburton
Draws, Craft Table, Toonie Table, Bake Table and Luncheon

Noodles for Nicaragua - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

When: Saturday November 21/15 5:30 pm
Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. Haliburton
Adults \$15.00, Seniors & Children \$10.00, Children under 5- free
Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad and Dessert
Contact For Tickets: Brenda McKee 705-754-5384, Beth Archibald 705-457-9498 Mary McKee 705-457-1976, Craig Bowker 705-457-4616
7 Hal High school teens and 6 adults from Haliburton are going to Nicaragua with Water Ambassadors Canada in February. They will be repairing wells and assisting in community health and hygiene, and working in a local school there.



Dawson Hamilton, who is shown here in a file photo in March, 2009, was an inspiration for his courage in the face of cancer. This Thursday the Haliburton Wolves are hosting its first Dawson Hamilton Memorial Hockey Game and have chosen Haliburton-based charity Cottage Dreams as the recipient for the game's proceeds. File photo.

Cottage Dreams invites public to Dawson Hamilton Memorial Hockey Game

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When you go to the Dawson Hamilton Memorial Hockey Game this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena you'll be doing more than just be entertained by the Greater Metro Junior A Haliburton Wolves.

You'll honour the memory of Dawson, a boy who died too young from cancer, but possessed great strength and courage in the face of it. You'll also help the Haliburton-based charity, Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative. Their program enabled him and his family to take a break from the physical and emotional pain and heartache associated with cancer and its treatment in the summer of 2007 with its cottage lending opportunity for adults and children that started in 2003 by Haliburton cottager Seana O'Neill. Proceeds from the admission, the 50/50 draw and the Chuck-a-puck contest at the game will help Cottage Dreams continue its work. Dawson died from cancer at 10 in 2010. He would have been 15.

With his favourite colour being blue, the team and the event organizers are asking people to wear blue, as a show of solidarity. Dawson Hamilton T-shirts will be for sale. Colorado Avalanche centre, Haliburton's Matt Duchene, who was a friend of Dawson's and has his initials on his hockey sticks, has donated an autographed Colorado Avalanche jersey for the event.

The Cottage Dreams program manager Debbie Farrell was very excited when she heard the Haliburton Wolves picked her charity for the Dawson Hamilton Memorial Hockey Game.

"It's a local charity. It's a local hockey team. It makes a good partnership for both," she said, referring to the raised money and the increased awareness for her charity and the team.

Fundraisers for Cottage Dreams are essential to its operation that does not receive government funding, she said.

This past year there were 198 people placed by Cottage Dreams. The average cost per placement is approximately \$500 each, she said.

"We just try and find every way we can to raise money," she said, referring to her ongoing efforts to secure funds.

Farrell said Cottage Dreams operates on a "shoe string" budget and there is a constant effort to keep the charity at the forefront. She and one part-time employee are the only paid staff members.

Applicants for the program apply. Successful applicants and their families spend five days at a cottage for a chance to rest and rejuvenate from the treatments.

This break enables people to "just kind of take a breath of fresh air and be normal for a few days and spend some time with their families."

There is also a residual economic benefit to Haliburton attributed to the placements.

"When we place an applicant on average they spend anywhere from \$500 to a \$1,000 on gas, groceries and restaurants, sight-seeing and souvenirs," she said.

The program's placements are made between the first Sunday of June to mid-December.

Most people request placements during the summer period, which is between July and August, and also the month of September.

Besides financial donations, the public can help by spreading the word of the work of Cottage Dreams, by dropping off pamphlets or brochures to hospitals and doctors, or just letting people know.

More than 10,000 applicants have been placed in the 12 years Cottage Dreams has operated.

Back in 1998, Farrell's brother-in-law died from cancer within a month of being diagnosed in 1998.

It motivated her to help. She started with Cottage Dreams as a volunteer before assuming her current staff position seven years ago. Volunteers, who she depends on for a variety of essential work for the program, are the backbone of the organization, she said.

Seeing the appreciation for the people and families she has helped personally place has driven her to continue her work with Cottage Dreams.

One example Farrell will never forget is how a Polish woman with cancer came to her after her placement to thank her in person.

The woman and her husband with their children came from Poland, looking for a better life. Their challenges continued, as the mother came down with breast cancer.

It was awe-inspiring for her to see the reaction first hand.

"Just to see her face and know that we made a difference in their lives for a very brief time it makes it all worthwhile," she said.

See www.cottagedreams.ca for more information on the program, or to apply and loan a cottage.

Novice Storm hosts Rocks

On Nov. 14 the Timber Mart novice Highland Storm hosted Port Carling Muskoka Rocks at the S.G Nesbitt arena. The game started off slow for the Highland Storm, they were down 2-0 but were able to tie the game 2-2 by the end of the second period with a goal from Kadin Card and Colby Coumbs. The third period was high paced and the Highland Storm fought every minute but unfortunately they lost 4-2 to the Port Carling Muskoka Rocks. It was a tough loss. The second game was played in Bracebridge against the Bracebridge Bears. It was an awesome win for the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm 3-2. The game was none stop action. It started with a great goal by Beckham Reynolds, however Bracebridge answered with a goal tying the game 1-1. The next goal was scored by Cheyenne Degeer. There was only minutes left of the game when Cheyenne Degeer got her second goal making it 3-1 however Bracebridge was not going to give up, and they scored their second goal making it 3-2 for the final score. What an awesome game and the Highland Storm played amazing. Way to go Timber Mart Novice.

Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm host a tournament in Haliburton at the A.J. LaRue arena on Nov. 21 and 22. First game is at 10 a.m. on Nov. 21. Come out and support your hockey community.

Submitted by Amber Card

Midgets play three-game weekend

The Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm midget A team had a busy weekend playing three games, two on the road. Friday night Nov. 13 they kicked it off at home against the Huntsville Otters with a closely contested battle, the first period ended even at zero, the second finished even at two with the home side on a 5-3 power play. They were unable to capitalize and the swing in momentum quickly flowed to Huntsville as they found the back of the net five times in the third for a 7-2 final.

The squad found themselves in Bracebridge on Saturday the 14th for an afternoon matinee against the South Muskoka Bears. Once again they were knotted after one at zeroes thanks to the play in net of Parker "The Smolen Wall" Smolen but in the second the Bears, with their relentless offence, tallied three for a 3-0 lead after two. The third period saw the Highlanders stage a comeback on the shoulders of Chris Thompson with two goals but alas could not find the equaling marker ending 3-2.

Sunday, Nov. 15 the boys in Blue visited the Penetang Flames for another matinee match up. A travel weary squad took to the ice and the first period ended in a 3-1 lead for the Flames with the sole tally by Chris Thompson. The Highlanders could not muster much else and the game finished 6-1 for the home side.

The busiest road trip weekend of the season did produce a couple of highlight performances from Chris Thompson scoring three of the clubs five goals for the three games and goaltender Smolen stopping over 50 shots in Saturday's game. The midget A's will continue to test themselves this week with another three game weekend, the first two in Minden, starting with Almaguin Friday night at 9:30 p.m. and then Saturday at 5 p.m. against Parry Sound.

Submitted by Katie and Dave Howe

Tykes tackle the Bears

On Friday, Nov. 13, the Tom Prentice and Sons/ RM Carpentry Highland Storm tyke team travelled to Gravenhurst to play the South Muskoka Bears. The Storm dominated play from the beginning of the game right through until the end. Goals were scored by Connor Byrne, Jace Mills, Liam Harrison and Vanek Logan. Excellent defensive play and goaltending limited the scoring chances for the Bears. The game ended in a 4-1 win for the Storm. Way to go, team.

After their win on Friday, the Tom Prentice and Sons/ RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team travelled to Madoc to have a rematch with Centre Hastings on Saturday, Nov. 14. Once again Centre Hastings had a tough time reaching the net with the solid defensive play by Connor Byrne, Evan Jones, Caleb Manning and Josh Scheffee. Our fearless goaltender Chase Winder stood strong and rose to the challenge. The offensive attack was led by Brechin Johnston, Vanek Logan, and Jace Mills. Strong passing and skating by Brady Burtch, MacLean Rowden and Parker Simms helped the Storm seal the 5-1 victory. Way to go Storm! The tyke team is in action again on Saturday, Nov. 28 when they host Tweed in Wilberforce. Good luck, team. *Submitted by Janice Scheffee*

Peewee AE's play Huntsville Otters



The Highland Storm Bantam A team won their tournament over the weekend. Photo submitted

The Walkers Heating and Cooling Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team Highland Storm peewee AE's played against the Huntsville Otters on Saturday in Minden's S.G. Nesbitt Arena.

The Otters scored early and then the Storm were forced to kill off a penalty to keep the score 1-0. Tyler Martin got a beauty bar down goal but the Otters came back with two quickies to open up a 3-1 lead. Ben Robinson scored shorthanded however the Otters replied with a power play goal making it 4-2 Otters.

The Otters would score four unanswered goals in the second period but the game was much closer than the 8-2 scoreboard showed. Tim Turner and Tyler Martin scored mid-way through the third to make things interesting but the Otters would score twice more to take a 10-4 victory. Storm player of the game: Winger Curtis Mulock. On Sunday, the peewee AE's faced off against the Muskoka Rock A team at A.J. LaRue Arena.

The first period saw a lot of end to end action but the Storm found themselves down by three to start the second period. The Rock would score three more before Tyler Martin's wrist shot goal following an end to end rush. The Rock made it 9-1 early in the third before the Storm found the back of the net on a nice passing play between winger Martin and Brendan Coumbs. Kolby McGovern scored quickly on a Storm power play with helpers from Martin and Coumbs.

The Storm had two players in the penalty box and were killing time quite well until a Rock shot made it barely over the goal line for and 11-3 lead. Despite being down by such a margin the team never let up and had a few close chances for goals in the last minutes. Final score, 12-3 Muskoka Rock. Player of the game: defence-man Tim Turner.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Girls' Jets team faces Comets

The Bancroft I.D.A/ Canadian Tire midget B Girls Jets travelled to Brighton on Saturday night to face off against the third place Cold Creek Comets. In a spirited effort, the Jets looked to maintain their early season undefeated record.

After two scoreless periods, both teams continued to challenge the other squad as they tried to beat the opposing tender and break the 0-0 tie. Cold Creek upped their aggressive play, eventually resulting a five minute "hit from behind" major penalty midway through the third period, sending a Jets' player off the ice with an injury, putting a dent to an already short Jets' player's bench.

The Jets maintained their composure but could not capitalize on the five minute power play. Neither team could find a way to solve their opposing net-minder and the game finished in a 0-0 draw.

Katie Hoover's shut-out, her seventh of the season, helped the Jets maintain their early season undefeated record at 8-0-1. Good game girls, keeping your cool and finishing strong.

The Jets are on the road Saturday afternoon, Nov. 21 at 4 p.m., taking on the Lindsay Lynx. Next home will be Sunday afternoon, Nov. 22 at 3 p.m., where the Jets will host the second place Peterborough Ice Kats in Bancroft.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Atoms play Bears

The Emmerson Lumber Atom team travelled to Bracebridge to play the South Muskoka Bears on Sunday, Nov. 15. The Bears came away with a 12-1 win over the Storm. MVP: Taylor Consack. The team voted that Taylor had a great game and was able to make some great saves. Upcoming games and events: Saturday, Nov. 21 vs. Huntsville Otters at 12:30 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena.

Submitted by Amanda Wells

Peewee girls Jets flew past the Comets

The Leveque Brothers/Rock Breakers Peewee girls had a light weekend with only one game on the schedule in Brighton against the Cold Creek Comets. The girls were trying to extend their winning streak and stay on top of the standings and came out flying to prove it. Halfway through the first period Jaylin Frost potted the first goal for the Jets assisted by Ryan Rupnow.

Before the period came to a close Ava Smith extended the lead, unassisted. The second period saw a lot of back and forth hockey with some outstanding goal tending with only one more goal added to the scoreboard by Beth Brownlee, unassisted.

The third period brought on, some don't let up attitudes, when Elyse Ives scored a quick one, assisted by Emma Tidey.

Hannah McMann managed two more quick goals for the Jets with an assist by Brownlee and before the game concluded Brownlee sniped another by the Comets goalie to round out her three point game. Great team effort by all and another solid performance by the goalie, Courtney Semach.

The Jets next game is Saturday, Nov. 21 at 4 p.m. in Lakefield against Ennismore.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

Notices

NOTICE (Applicants – HUTTON)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HERINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Monday, the 14th day of December, 2015** at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 12, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **Greg Bishop**, O.L.S., dated February 5, 2015.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 10th day of November, 2015.

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Wilberforce community honours veterans

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Under grey skies on a thankfully mild November day people of this area assembled for the 2015 Remembrance Day service.

Drawn by the need to be there together at this annual time of remembering they came to honour publicly those who have served our country, defending our rights and freedom.

Young and old, students and staff from the Wilberforce Elementary School, Legion members and ordinary folk took time to come together as contingents of Canadian troops came together so many times over the years.

Second World War veteran and Sergeant at Arms Len Crawford conducted

the marching on of the colours. Janice Sorensen warmly welcomed everyone and ably led the ceremony which began with the singing of the national anthem.

All reverently watched as the flag was lowered to the trumpet sound of *The Last Post*.

Then the solemn two minutes of silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The trumpet sounded *Reveille* and the flag again rose and flew proudly. All joined in singing *Abide With Me*.

The traditional placing of the wreaths then proceeded: Hilary Klapow placed the Sovereign wreath, Gertrude Godfrey the Silver Cross Mother wreath followed by Len Crawford with the Canada wreath, Lorne Dineson the Ontario wreath, Reeve Dave Burton the Highlands East Wreath, Karen Chambers Legion, First World War: Sarah Sterling, Second World War: Joe Driscoll, Korean War: Cynthia Goodison, Hong Kong: Brenda Boomhouer, Canadian Forces: Parry Hiuser, OPP: Officer Rebecca Shropshire, Highlands East Fire Dept.: Bill Wingrove, Deceased Members and

Veterans: Jane Welborne, Memorial wreaths: Flo Elliott, Sean Cook and Dave Robinson, Lions Club: Ray Howlett, Community Care: Gwen Otto, School: Denise Butler with Chelsea Flynn and Hunter Arnott, Red Cross: Ken Sanderson.

The service ended with the royal anthem *God Save The Queen* and the marching off of colours.

Appreciation is extended to Mark Bramham for the trumpet music and to Nigel Hollings who graciously led the singing. Their contribution again this year added greatly to the solemnity of the ceremony.

Many enjoyed more time together over a hearty meal served by the LA at the Legion Hall following the cenotaph program.

On Sunday, Nov. 15 members of branch 624 Royal Canadian Legion attended morning prayer service at St. Margaret's Anglican Church.

Sadly world peace seems never to be won. With mayhem in Paris France on the weekend, fighting and untold deaths in Syria and several African countries and thousands of refugees seeking help. "When will we ever learn....?"

The Heritage Guild's Christmas Craft Sale is coming up on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments including lunch will be available.

Some tables are still available for vending your crafts. Call Cathy soon at 705-448-2211 for information.

Meeting on concert venue attracts interested neighbours

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

West Guilford had a significant number at the council meeting on Nov. 10 in Haliburton when Murray Fearrey chaired the gathering which was open to the public. The meeting concerned the possible sale of the Lakeside Golf Course and the proposal of festival entertainment in summer at two major events. John Teljeur and Wolfgang Siebert answered questions from council members and provided pertinent information.

Guilford residents helped swell the crowd which lined the main street in Haliburton when the Legion parade led by the Highlanders Pipes and Drums marched

to the cenotaph on Nov. 11 where veterans were duly honoured once again for their service and sacrifice in both World Wars. After the bountiful lunch in the lower level of the Legion, the pipe band performed again. Earl had taught Andrew Mansfield the pipe major, to play the pipes, and it was a proud moment when Earl was asked, along with our son, George (one of the original band members) to pose for a formal picture at the conclusion of the playing.

We look forward to the craft and bake sale on Saturday Nov. 21 at the Centre. Contact Shontel Morrison at 705-854-0849 for details. Sale begins at 9 a.m.

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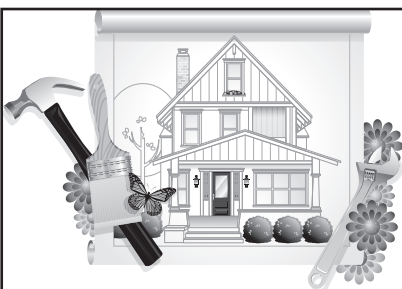
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Charles Perrott, who died on or
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2014, are required to file proof of
same with the undersigned on or
before the 14th day of December,
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650 OBITUARIES

Peter John Carroll

We regret to announce the passing of Peter (Pete) Carroll, at his residence in Medford, Oregon on November 6th, 2015. Pete was born on February 18th, 1953 and grew up in Haliburton, Ontario, before moving to western Canada and subsequently to Medford, Oregon.

He is survived by his loving wife and best friend Catherine (Cat), and stepson Dr. Jesse (Amy) Maag and their children Tyler and Mahina of Pahoehoe, Hawaii. Dear brother of Judith Ford of Calgary, Alberta, Christopher (Susan) of Toronto, Ontario, Catherine (Stephen) Toole of Goulais River, Ontario and James (Lynn) of Toronto, Ontario.

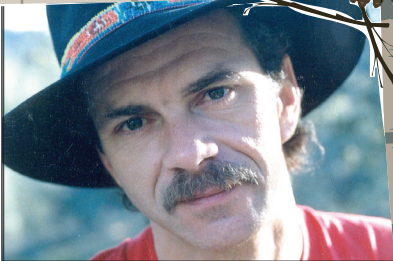
He will be remembered fondly by his nephews, nieces and friends alike.

Pete was predeceased by his parents Dr. Louis and Elizabeth Carroll of Haliburton, Ontario and brother Timothy of Beardmore, Ontario.

Pete was a talented artist and wood carver. His quirky sense of humour kept his family and friends always laughing; and his dog 'Po' was never far from his side!

Special thanks for the wonderful care given by the Doctors and staff of the Oncology Department at Rogue Valley Medical Center, Medford, Oregon.

Friends so wishing, are being asked to make a donation in Pete's memory to a charity of their choice. Online condolences may be made at www.roguevalleyfunerals.com. Arrangements entrusted to Rogue Valley Funeral Alternatives, Medford, Oregon.




650 OBITUARIES

Audrey Fulton

Was delivered into the loving arms of her parents Gerald and Marie and dear grand-daughter Jade, in the presence of the Lord, on November 12, 2015 at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay at the age of 54.

Loving mother of Heather Ross, Susie Roberts and Nicole Roberts.
Lifelong friend of Clayton Roberts and Family.
Cherished Nan of Lily, Aimée, Cecily, Ruby, Olan, Liam, Hailey, and Preston.
Audrey was the loving sister of David (Wendy), Yvonne (Zane), Miriam (Brian) and Sharron (Joe).
She will be loved and remembered by her many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

Visitation will be at the Mackey Funeral Home, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay on Wednesday from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Funeral Service will be in the Chapel on Thursday, November 19th at 11:00 a.m. Interment will take place at the Verulam Cemetery, Bobcaygeon on Thursday, November 19th at 2:45 p.m. Memorial donations to the Ross Memorial Auxiliary Unit would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be made at www.mackeys.ca



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